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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY GOI REACTION TO SECRETARY'S MAY 13

SPEECH ON ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS

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1. SUMMARY: PRELIMINARY BUT OFFICIAL REACTION TO SECRETARY'S SPEECH HAS FOLLOWING ELEMENTS: WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF GOI CONCERNS AS POORER DC, ITALIANS WELCOM POSSIBILITY MOVING TO ANOTHER P/C MEETING, EXPECT THAT SPEECH MAY NOT SUFFICE TO DO SO, SUPPORT IDEA OF DECLARATION AT OECD MINISTERIAL, AND SUGGEST THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO MOVE FURTHER TOWARD PRODUCER-LDC VIEWS ON LINKING RAW MATERIALS AND FOOD STUFFS TO DISCUSSIONS ON OIL.

2. FRANCISI, COORDINATOR FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC

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DIRECTORATE, MFA, HAS GIVEN ECON-COMM MINISTER COPY OF MFA

TELEGRAPHIC INSTRUCTIONS OF MAY 21 TO AMB. ORTONA PROVIDING HIM WITH PRELIMINARY GOI REACTION AND ASKING HIM TO MAKE POINTS DESCRIBED BELOW. WE DO NOT KNOW IF ORTONA IS AWARE THAT WE HAVE HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND URGE ALL END-USERS TO USE DISCRETION TO AVOID EMBARRASSING EITHER FRANSISCSCI OR AMB. ORTONA.

2. DOCUMENT IS RESULT OF SERIES OF INTRA-MFA DELIBERATIONS CHAIRED BY DG ECON AFFAIRS GUAZZARONI.

3. BEGIN SUMMARY: POINTS REFLECT INTIAL THINKING OF GOI WHOSE POSITION AS REGARDS SECRETARY'S SPEECH WILL BE DETERMINED IN EC CONTEXT. US AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT COSTS AND BENEFITS OF ANY NEW ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE EQUITABLY SHARED, I.E., BETWEEN RICH INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND THOSE SUCH AS ITALY WHICH WILL HAVE GREAT SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM DIFFICULTY IN MEETING THE CHANGES FORESEEN. SPECIFICALLY,

(A) THE GOI WELCOMES THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH IN VIEW OF ITS OWN EFFORTS WITHIN THE EC AND ELSEWHERE TO ARRANGE ANOTHER P/C MEETING.

(B) APPEARS THAT SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS ARE INADEQUATE TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS OF PARIS PREPCON BECAUSE THEY NEITHER EXPLICITLY CONCEDE EQUALITY OF RAW MATERIALS WITH OIL NOR SHOW ANY FLEXIBILITY ON INDEXATION.

(C) A DECLARATION OF A POLITICAL NATURE AT THE OECD MINISTERIAL MAY 28-29 ON THE SUBJECT OF NEW AND MORE EQUAL RELATIONS SHOULD BE MADE. IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT DECLARATION IN ITSELF WILL UNBLOCK THE IMPASSE BETWEEN DC'S AND LDC'S.

(D) IT IN FACT THE DECLARATION IS NOT CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT BY THE PREPCOM OIL PRODUCERS AND LDC'S, THE POSSIBILITY OF RECONSIDERING THE WHOLE PROBLEM SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED. SPECIFICALLY, THOUGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN IN THE LIGHT OF THE EVOLUTION OF AMERICAN VIEWS TO MOVING TOWARD THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE PRODUCERS AND LDC'S LATE IN THE PREPCON, THUS INCLUDING IN SOME FASHION IN THE NEXT P/C MEETING DISCUSSION OF QTE THE PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIALS AND FOOD STUFFS UNQTE. END SUMMARY.

4. COMMENT: GOI VIEWS ARE HIGHLY ARTICULATED AS FAR AS THEY GO BUT DO NOT ADDRESS QUESTION OF FORA FOR DISCUSSION (PARA 3 REF A). WE WILL SEEK EXPLORE THAT AREA. VOLPE
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